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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.6: The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence is being transmitted via facsimile to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on March 11, 2002,

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed October 10, 2001, said period of response being extended from January 10, 2002 to March 10, 2002 (Sunday).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$780 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

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